

# Associate of Arts Degree in Theology

## MISSION STATEMENT

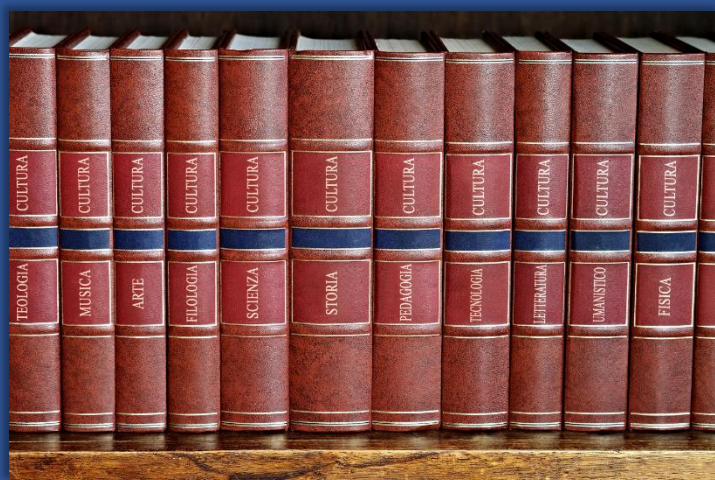
*Through an environment centered on faith, Christian service, and commitment to academic excellence, the Division of Bible and Pastoral Ministry provides a comprehensive educational experience that prepares and empowers future and current church leaders for Christian service and education in their respective or future roles.*

## OBJECTIVE

*Through an environment that is both spiritual and academic, the Division of Bible and Pastoral Ministry seeks to provide learning opportunities that are immersed in biblical exegesis, tenets of Christianity, and the real-life application of Christian education that promote service leadership to create and cultivate servant leaders that are knowledgeable of Baptist church practices and polity and ethical leadership standards for ministry success. In addition, the program also prepares students for professional and graduate study.*

The division's goals and student learning outcomes for its degree programs are carefully aligned with the mission and vision of the institution. In addition, the goals and the outcomes are linked to the curriculum and to the evaluation instruments for each course.

The student learning goals focus on broad expectations of student achievement in terms of knowledge, skills, and attitudes. The goals are supported by specific degree-program learning outcomes that address "what" faculty expect students to have successfully mastered upon the completion of a course or the degree program. Each outcome is supported by a competency-based performance measure that demonstrates "how" students will show their proficiency. Proficiency is defined by success criteria.



## **INTRODUCTION**

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The Associate of Arts degree is designed to give an individual some basic knowledge of the Bible and in theology. The integrated courses of this degree can serve as two years of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and Pastoral Ministry.

## **GOALS**

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1. Train students in basic knowledge of Bible and theology
2. Train students in basic skills in sermon preparation and delivery.
3. Train students in basic skills of leadership management of evangelism and Christian servitude in the local church.
4. Prepare students to continue their education at a bachelor's level.
5. Students will develop a basic understanding of ethical, social responsibility, servant leadership, and citizenship.
6. Students will develop skills to be relevant in their Christian service duties.
7. Train students to develop a knowledge and understanding of Christianity; to learn about and learn from Christian faith and life.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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In addition, specific student learning or course level outcomes have been developed to support the goals. Note: the course level student learning outcomes focus on the skills and knowledge students will possess upon completion of the course (what students learn).

Through coursework in the general core requirements as well as biblical studies, church doctrine, and theology, students will be able to:

1. Present a competency of the Bible, its canonicity, development, and its role in Christianity.
2. Present a competency of the biblical genres and how they fit together and exhibit the pattern, unity, and progression of the Bible.
3. Present a competency of church history and its implications in the role of the 21<sup>st</sup> century church community.
4. Present a basic competency of theology, its meaning and use in their personal understanding as well as how it shapes their treatment of Christian education.
5. Present a competency in church administration.

Students will engage in the following activities to produce the student learning outcomes:

- Written essays and presentations
- Oral presentations
- Quizzes and examinations
- Supervised Christian service duties and responsibilities
- Peer reviewed discussions and interactions

## SLO MATRIX

GOALS	STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME (SLO)
Bible and Theology	1, 2
Sermon Structure and Delivery	2
Christian Servitude	3
Church Administration	5
Christian Education and Church Curriculum	4
Church History, Christianity, and Faith	3

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

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The Associate of Arts degree requirements include a minimum of 60 semester hours.

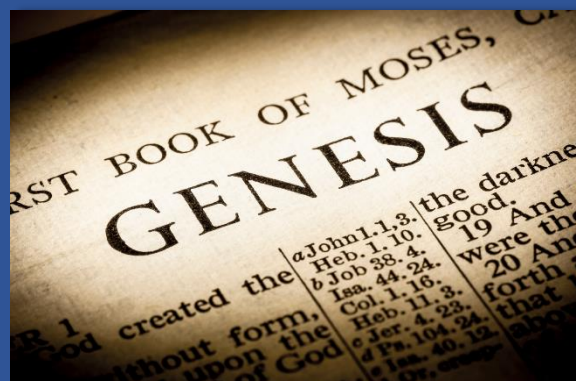
The degree requirements include a minimum of:

- 18 hours of General Education Requirements
- 30 hours of Bible and Theology Requirements
- 12 hours of Professional Requirements

## COURSES

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REL101	Introduction to Biblical Studies
REL102	Introduction to Biblical Studies II
REL103	Introduction to the Old Testament
REL104	Introduction to the New Testament
NT221	Christ and the Gospels
NT222	Life and Letters of Paul
CH463	Church History I
CH464	Church History II
CT151	Christian Doctrine I
CT152	Christian Doctrine II
PT391	Church Administration
PT293/393	Introductory Homiletics
PT294/394	Advanced Homiletics
CE284/384	Introduction to Christian Education



## **FACULTY**

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Selma University employs highly qualified faculty that possess the academic credentials, skills, vast experience, and knowledge base necessary to deliver educational experiences to promote student leadership and an understanding of contemporary business practices. The faculty possess the dedication and servant leadership qualities to provide personal attention and guidance to students, as well as a commitment to continuous curriculum development; utilization of technology to enhance instructional delivery; and emphasis on extracurricular activities that enrich classroom instruction.

### **FACULTY MEMBERS**

Tyree Anderson, D.Min.

Otis Culliver, D.Min.

Edward Hayes, D.Min.

Tarrance Scott, D.Min.

John Williams, D.Min.

